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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Tamaki KANEKO
Serial No. : 09/896,737 Group Art Unit: 3651
Date Filed : June 29, 2001 Examiner: P. Mackey
For : SHEET FOLDING AND BINDING APPARATUS AND METHOD

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 20, 30, 31, 34 and 35 as follows:

1. (Amended) A binding apparatus, comprising:

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a receiving device configured to receive a sheet from outside and convey the sheet;

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